Legal

Senate Intelligence Committee

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Dear Mr. Evans,

Some time ago I asked Paul Hoch for copies of some records we both obtained and to which I do not have ready access. I also asked him for copies of some published material. While I was in Washington these copies came. I enclose copies of those I believe relevant to your interest.

It is apparent from the excerpt from Dan Schorr's book that Angleton's own account of his dismissal is changed and that it cannot be that Colby leaked first knowledge of the CIA mail-interception program to Sy Hersh.

While this is not a sufficient collection of contemporaneous CIA records to permit a definitive interpretation it does appear that the view of Oswald and the assassination was changed. This change also appears to coincide with the rather paranoidal view of the world and the KGB in particular of the Russian defector whose 11/27/63 memo is included. This, in turn, appears to be the Angletonian view.

Little of what is represented as fact by this defector is factual. Not much of his interpretation can be credited, either.

Comparing his paper with the FBI's condensation of its interview with Petr Derjabian leads to the belief that the defector of the 11/27/63 memo could be Derjabian.

The political view is identical with that expressed to me by "Mr. Martin."

Note that the defector refers to this as his own country. I believe this indicates that his defection was not then recent.

If he had no prior animosity toward Nosenko the discredit of his think piece by what Nosenko said could provide him with motive and basis for political suspicion of Nosenko.

Marginal marking are mine, made while I was reading these pages. Added file identification are Hoch's.

Barron, Bantam edition, p. 420, gives the spelling as Deriabin. There is no other mention of him in KGB.

Hoch is going to try to dub the KSAN tape of the Scott-Epstein interview. After I hear it you will be welcome to it. If it is of interest probably KSAN could provide a tape of better quality.

I have not yet received the other two tapes of other interviews.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg